

REMARKS

In the Final Rejection dated November 16, 2005, claim 8 was rejected under §112, second paragraph as being in contradiction to claim 1, as well as because of depending from claim 3, which has been cancelled.

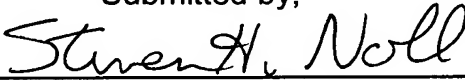
The alleged contradiction between claims 1 and 8 will be argued in Applicants' Appeal Brief, however, the present Amendment is for the purpose of correcting the informality in claim 8 of depending from cancelled claim 3. Claim 8 has been editorially amended to depend from claim 1.

Also, an obvious typographical error in claim 1 has been corrected.

The other rejections of the claims also will be addressed in Applicants' Appeal Brief.

Entry of the present Amendment does not require any further consideration or searching on the part of the Examiner, and reduces the issues for appeal. The prerequisites for entering the present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 are therefore satisfied, and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

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